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TAGS: PFOR, EEC, XF, IT

SUBJECT: EC-9 FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN VENICE -- MIDDLE EAST

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1. IN A CONVERSATION SEPTEMBER 14 MFA POLITICAL DIRECTOR PLAJA CALLED DCM'S ATTENTION TO THE EC-9 COMMUNIQUE CONCERNING THE MIDDLE EAST. THE ITALIANS CONSIDERED THE COMMUNIQUE TO BE IN LINE WITH THE SECRETARY'S LETTER TO RUMOR AND NOTED THAT THERE WERE NO DIVERGENCIES AMONG THE NINE ON THE COMMUNIQUE. PLAJA RECALLED THAT IN PREVIOUS PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON THE MIDDLE EAST, THE NINE HAD REFERRED TO VARIOUS UN RESOLUTIONS AND THE PALESTINIANS. THIS COMMUNIQUE DID NEITHER. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE NINE WERE DISCUSSING HOW TO WORD THEIR REFERENCE TO THE PALESTINIANS WHEN THE DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER INTRODUCED A WIRE SERVICE REPORT OF A PALESTINIAN EXTREMIST GROUP TO THE EFFECT THAT THE FOUR ARABS ARRESTED IN HOLLAND HAD BEEN SENT ON A MISSION TO FORCE THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING VIS-A-VIS THE PALESTINIANS. ALL THE MINISTERS AGREED THAT THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT COULD NOT BE SEEN TO BE GIVING IN TO PALESTINIAN PRESSURE. THEREFORE, REFERENCE TO THE PALESTINIANS WAS DROPPED.

2. PLAJA NOTED THAT THE NINE FOREIGN MINISTERS BELIEVED THAT THE DECLARATION OF NOVEMBER 1973 WHICH HAS BEEN THE TOUCHSTONE OF COMMUNITY POLICY TOWARDS THE MIDDLE EAST IS NOW OUT OF DATE. THEY WILL BE WORKING ON LANGUAGE OF A NEW STATEMENT WHICH WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE EVOLUTION IN THE SITUATION SINCE THAT TIME. PLAJA DID NOT INDICATE WHEN SUCH A STATEMENT MIGHT BE ISSUED.  
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